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VIEWers: Join the Vermont Commission on Women (VCW), in partnership with Bennington County Maternal Child Health Coalition, at a special Listening Forum for issues affecting teen girls in Bennington County. The Listening Forum will be held on **Wednesday, September 12th from 1:00 to 3:00 at the First Baptist Church on 601 Main Street in Bennington.** Those in attendance will include young women, parents, and community members working in the fields of medicine, social services, education, law enforcement, and public policy, including Representatives and Senators from the area. VCW uses the information gathered at Listening Forums to inform our work on behalf of women and families in Vermont and to share with policy makers and various state and community organizations to strengthen and inform programming and services. RSVPs requested by September 1st to (802) 828-2841 or via email, lilly.talbert@state.vt.us

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Executive Director Search

The Vermont Commission on Women (VCW) is seeking an Executive Director to shape and strengthen our strategic direction and program priorities, to ensure our mission and values are fulfilled, and to advance our public policy goals in civil and legal rights; economic self-sufficiency and basic needs; education; and health and safety. The Executive Director is accountable for successful leadership and daily management, serves as spokesperson for the Commission, and works in partnership with our 16 volunteer commissioners, an Advisory Council, and two full-time staff to provide strategic vision, motivation, and leadership for issues affecting women in the state. For more information, read the [Executive Director Job Description](#) on the [Commission's website](#). Applications accepted by email only. Qualified applicants, please email a resume, cover letter, and a writing sample (up to 500 words) demonstrating a research-based advocacy position to: search@women.vermont.gov Phone calls not be accepted. ***Applications due by this Friday, July 13, 2012.** Expected start date is September 10, 2012.

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Mark your calendars: Senator Leahy's 16th Annual Women's Economic Opportunity Conference
Saturday, November 10, 2012
Vermont Technical College in Randolph Center

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The Green Mountain United Way is conducting a community survey, gathering data from community members in Caledonia, Essex, Orange, Orleans and Washington Counties. They are seeking community member's perspectives on gather information about your perspective on the strengths and needs of your community as well as possible outcomes in Education, Income and Health. Survey complete time: 10 minutes
Link: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/JJF9NCG>

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Speaker of the House of Representatives, Shap Smith has appointed Dr. Felicia Kornbluh of Williston to serve on the Vermont Commission on Women (VCW).

Dr. Kornbluh is the Director of the Program in Women's and Gender Studies and an Associate Professor of History at the University of Vermont. She is an historian of social welfare, law, and grassroots politics in the twentieth-century United States. Her first book was [The Battle for Welfare Rights: Poverty and Politics in Modern America](#) (University of Pennsylvania Press, 2007). Kornbluh has written many articles for academic and non-academic journals, including the Journal of American History, Feminist Studies, Yale Journal of Law and Feminism, Radical History Review, The Nation, and the Women's Review of Books, and has published

chapters in books such as *Women's America*, *Race Consciousness*, *The Blackwell History of American Law*, and *Freedom North*.

Kornbluh is currently pursuing three major research projects. The first concerns gender, disability, and equality, with a focus upon Jacobus tenBroek, a blind activist and legal scholar who also contributed to the movement for welfare rights. The second, related, study is an overview of four major social movements—for the rights of women, LGBT people, African Americans, and disabled people—in the United States since 1945. The third is a planned museum exhibition focusing upon the political history of the New York City World's Fair of 1964-1965 and the civil rights protests that disrupted it.

Kornbluh holds a Ph.D. in history from Princeton University and a B.A., with honors, in Social Studies from Harvard-Radcliffe. She has held fellowships from the American Bar Foundation, New York University Law School, the American Historical Association, and the Woodrow Wilson Foundation. Before taking up her position at the University of Vermont, she taught for 8 years in the history department at Duke University, where she specialized in post-1945 U.S. history, legal history, and the history of women and gender. She helped build bridges between the history department and Duke's school of Public Policy Studies, and co-chaired the university's Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Task Force.

Kornbluh has been an advocate on issues related to social welfare and women's and children's well-being for over twenty years. She served in Washington, D.C., as a staff member of the U.S. House Select Committee on Children, Youth, and Families. She worked at two major think tanks, the Urban Institute and Institute for Policy Studies. While still in high school, Kornbluh had been a leader of the nationally renowned children's advocacy organization CHILDREN'S EXPRESS, and led children's delegations to Cambodia, Hiroshima, and the Democratic and Republican political conventions in the United States. From 1995 to 2005, she participated actively in the Women's Committee of 100, an organization of feminist scholars and writers that was created to block punitive welfare reform. Kornbluh continues her interest in networking scholars around the country to add their voices to social policy debate. Her most recent efforts have involved the economic stimulus package of the Obama administration and its impact on women, and resulted in the creation early in 2009 of a national coalition of historians, economists, and other social scientists.

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Laura's March

Saturday, September 15, 2012 at 9:00 AM

Oakledge Park, Burlington, Vermont

The 6th annual Laura's March, dedicated to ending sexual violence and helping survivors, will take place on September 15 at Oakledge Park in Burlington. Laura's March 2012 has two primary beneficiaries: **Women Helping Battered Women** and the **Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Program**. For WHBW, the march raises supplemental emergency assistance funds, to go entirely and directly to victims of abuse and their children, for basic expenses like food, transportation, and utilities. For SANE, which serves children and adult victims of sexual and physical violence at Fletcher Allen Health Care, the march raises to send 2 nurses to the annual symposium of the International Association of Forensic Nurses. There they will discuss research and participate in learning opportunities that augment their skills in ministering to assault victims. Funds will also be used to purchase the *Atlas of Sexual Violence*, an encyclopedic teaching tool for medical practitioners. Some facts about sexual assault and domestic violence:

- Every 2 minutes, somewhere in the USA, someone is sexually assaulted.
- 1 out of every 6 women in the USA is a victim of a sexual assault in her lifetime.
- 10 % of all victims of sexual assault are male.
- 1 in 3 women in the USA will be the victim of domestic violence in her lifetime.
- 3 to 4 million American women a year are the victims of domestic violence.
- 30% to 60% of perpetrators of intimate partner violence also abuse children in the household.
- Both sexual assault and domestic violence are under-reported.
- Both are associated with a host of psychological, emotional, and physiological disorders, often long-term or life-long.
- Both can be deadly.

The LKW Fund was founded by Laura's friends and family after Laura was kidnapped, raped, and brutally murdered in Burlington, VT on March 8, 2005. Funds raised provide survivors with support and services they need. Learn more: <http://www.firstgiving.com/lkwfund/lauras-march-2012>

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The Vermont Commission on Women (VCW) is a non-partisan state agency dedicated to legislative, economic social, and political fairness. Launched in 1964 by a call to action from President Kennedy, VCW is charged with reducing discrimination and encouraging opportunities for women. Sixteen volunteer commissioners and representatives from organizations concerned with women's issues guide the VCW's public education, coalition building, and advocacy efforts. VCW offers many services to the public, including a toll-free information and referral service at 1-800-881-156 and many publications, including the latest: [The Legal Rights of Women in Vermont](#). For more information, [visit www.women.vermont.gov](http://www.women.vermont.gov).